ECFS - Email Filing <PROCEEDING>96-45 <DATE>02/08/2005 <NAME>Stephanie Davies <ADDRESS1>1012 Tucker St. <ADDRESS2> <CITY>Williamsport <STATE>PA <ZIP>17701 <LAW-FIRM> <ATTORNEY> <FILE-NUMBER> <DOCUMENT-TYPE> RC <PHONE-NUMBER>(570)329-0143 <DESCRIPTION> <CONTACT-EMAIL>jskbest@earthlink.net <TEXT>I am a full time student, mother and I do my hardest to keep the things I have. I thank God that I have a boyfriend that supports me to do the things I need to do, to make my life goals accomplished; but it seems to me that everytime people bust their buts and do good for them selves, the government is right behind them raising taxes or adding new charges on to something to prevent them from keeping or using their services. If you ask me, the middle class people are damned if they do and damned if they don't. Why I say that is because the cost of living is hard enough and if you work hard to provide for your family and you need just a bit of help, you can't get it because you make just enough that is above the highest amount to recieve help. People that abuse the system don't get penalized because they have everything paid for by the government anyway, the people who work and pay taxes get punished for doing good for themselves by these fees added on to the services that they already work hard for to afford them and now you want to add another on top of that. Services aren't cheap and I don't know what kind of wages you think that the working class makes but with all the other you think that the working class makes, but with all the other bills and additional fees, pay checks are used JUST for bills and NO relaxation. So go ahead and add a couple more fees, but don't complain when people quit working and live off from welfare because they can do what they want and get money for free; you can always look back at all the fees and charges added on to the bills of hard working people and think to yourself that you could have helped to prevent this.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Davies 1012 Tucker St. Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701